

# Guidelines for joining in with the Skyswood Virtual Band

- **The video will be shown on the school website** so make sure you are happy with this before submitting your video.
- Film yourself whilst listening to the backing track **on headphones** so that we can't hear the backing track on your recording.
- The backing track begins with 4 clicks to set the speed. Start playing after these.
- Try to position yourself with a good light source behind the camera (don't stand in front of a window).
- To avoid massive file sizes, set your device to record in medium rather than high-definition quality.
- Label your file with your name and the part you're playing e.g. 'Mrs Salway recorder harmony'.
- Share your files with me using [wetransfer.com](https://wetransfer.com) (this should work on a phone in theory, but I have found I need to transfer files to my computer first and then use it).
- My email address for the transfer is [ssalway@skyswood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ssalway@skyswood.herts.sch.uk)
- Don't worry about playing perfectly - the most important thing is to join in and we won't notice a few wrong notes amongst all the players anyway!
- Even if you don't feel you can play all the way through please play at the beginning (after the 4 clicks) as this will make it easier for me to line up everyone's audio.
- You are welcome to submit videos of yourself playing different parts or instruments, but I will prioritise loading one each from everyone first.
- If you'd like a part for a different instrument or you have any questions, please email me on my school address - [ssalway@skyswood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ssalway@skyswood.herts.sch.uk)
- Parents, teachers etc welcome to join in too!